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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *05 June 2001* .

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1 - 8* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1 - 8* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) *2* .
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al., USPN 6,069,440, in view of Hill, Jr., USPN 5,790,096, and Xu et al., USPN 6,133,692.

Claims 1 and 5

Shimizu et al. teaches a color electroluminescent display. Shimizu teaches an LED display device comprising a plurality of differently colored light emitting elements [three RGB light emitting diodes] having different light emitting efficiencies and white light emitting elements [white light emitting diode]. Shimizu, col. 21, line 49 – col. 22, line 55; and figure 12. Shimizu also teaches means for displaying the monochrome portion of an image using only white light emitting elements. Shimizu, col. 21, lines 3 – 31; and figures 10 & 11.

Shimizu does not teach a digital image processing circuit for converting at least a portion of a color digital image to be displayed on the display to a monochrome image.

Hill, Jr. teaches a digital image processing circuit [color to monochrome reduction device 21] for converting at least a portion of a color digital image to be displayed on the display to a monochrome image. Hill, Jr., col. 7, lines 11 – 40; figure 1; and table I.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the digital image processing circuit as taught by Hill, Jr. with the color electroluminescent display of Shimizu. Hill, Jr., invites such combination by teaching,

> In accordance with the invention, images on a flat panel display may be upsized, downsized, positioned and oriented automatically or through use of user controls. Further, monochrome to color, color to monochrome, color to color, and monochrome to monochrome video processing is accommodated. Still further, power to the electronic control system is sequentially turned on and off for power conservation as video appears, disappears, and reappears.
>
> In addition, in accordance with the invention, video data may be received at the video rate and asynchronously output to a flat panel display at the display rate without any loss of resolution. Further, both video formats and types are automatically detected.
>
> The present invention also provides plug-in modules for an input video connector at which video is received, for color frame buffers where image content is stored, and for a flat panel interface module to which a flat panel display attaches. All known flat panel displays, and video formats and types for flat panel displays may be accommodated without compromising power conservation. The above and other aspects of the invention are summarized below.

Hill, Jr., col. 2, lines 4 – 24. Hill, Jr., specifically teaches,

> In a further aspect of the invention, full color images may be reduced to a plural bit gray scale for display on a monochrome screen. Further, monochrome to monochrome, monochrome to color, and color to color image processing also is provided.

Hill, Jr., col. 2, lines 58 – 62. Hill, Jr., also notes,

> More particularly, all flat panel display types including LCD, electroluminescent, gas plasma, FED and other flat panel types may be supported.

Hill, Jr., col. 7, lines 7 – 9.

Although Hill, Jr., notes that it supports all flat panel display types including electroluminescent displays, neither Shimizu nor Hill, Jr., specifically teach that the color electroluminescent display is an organic electroluminescent display.

Xu teaches an white light organic electroluminescent devices for generating white light. Xu, col. 1, lines 5 – 7.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the organic electroluminescent devices for generating white light as taught by Xu with the color electroluminescent display as taught by Shimizu and Hill, Jr. Xu invites such combination by teaching,

> Light emitting diode (LED) arrays are becoming more popular as an image source in both direct view and virtual image displays. One reason for this is the fact that LEDs are capable of generating relatively high amounts of light (high luminance), which means that displays incorporating LED arrays can be used in a greater variety of ambient conditions. For example, reflective LCDs can only be used in high ambient light conditions because they derive their light from the ambient light, i.e. the ambient light is reflected by the LCDs. Some transflective LCDs are designed to operate in a transmissive mode and incorporate a backlighting arrangement for use when ambient light is insufficient. In addition, transflective displays have a certain visual aspect and some users prefer a bright emissive display. However, these types of displays are generally too large for practical use in very small devices, such as portable electronic devices.
>
> Organic electroluminescent device (OED) arrays are emerging as a potentially viable design choice for use in small products, especially small portable electronic devices, such as pagers, cellular and portable telephones, two-way radios, data banks, etc. OED arrays are capable of generating sufficient light for use in displays under a variety of ambient light conditions (from little or no ambient light to bright ambient light). Further, OEDs can be fabricated relatively cheaply and in a variety of sizes from very small (less than a tenth millimeter in diameter) to relatively large (greater than an inch) so that OED arrays can be fabricated in a variety of sizes. Also, OEDs have the added advantage that their emissive operation provides a very wide viewing angle.

Xu, col. 1, lines 10 – 38. Xu adds,

> Accordingly, it is highly desirable to provide an organic electroluminescent device for generating substantially white light.
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> It is a purpose of the present invention to provide a new and improved white light organic electroluminescent device for generating white light with improved uniformity of primary color components.

> It is a further purpose of the present invention to provide a white light generating organic electroluminescent device with improved efficiency and reliability.

Xu, col. 1, lines 58 – 67. Xu concludes,

> Therefore an organic electroluminescent device has been provided for generating substantially white light with an improved balance of primary color components. By enhancing and balancing the primary color components, a white light generating organic electroluminescent device is provided with improved efficiency and reliability. Driving currents to the diode can be reduced while still achieving sufficient light, thereby increasing longevity and reducing power consumption.

Xu, col. 4, lines 17 – 25.

Claims 4 and 8

Hill teaches that the digital image processing circuit converts a color digital image to a monochrome digital image by combining 5/16, 9/16, and 2/16 of the red, green and blue color signals, respectively. Hill, Jr., col. 7, lines 20 – 34; and table I.

3. Claims 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al., in view of Hill, Jr. and Xu et al. as applied to claims 1 or 5 above, and further in view of Shimoda, USPN 5,944,829.

Claims 2 and 6

Neither Shimizu et al., Hill, Jr., nor Xu teach a battery and the power saving mode.

Shimoda teaches a laptop computer that is in battery powered device. It is inherent that a laptop computer have a display. Shimoda teaches a power monitor [power information module 30] for monitoring the power level of the battery 22, and a control circuit [CPU 12] connected to power monitor for converting the display [coupled through input/output device 14] to a power

saving mode of operation [operating mode 26, 27, or 28] when the battery power reaches a predetermined level. Shimoda, col. 3, lines 41 – col. 4, line 42; col. 6, lines 4 – 11; and figures 1 and 3.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the power saving mode as taught by Shimoda with the color organic electroluminescent display as taught by Shimizu et al., Hill, Jr., and Xu. Shimoda invites such combination by teaching,

> Many modern computer systems are implemented in light weight, portable designs that enable a user to carry the computer wherever the user may travel. Such portable computers are called "laptops" or "notebooks" (hereinafter generally referred to as a laptop). Laptops typically include alternate sources of power so that the user may either plug the laptop into an electrical wall outlet or use a battery mounted within the laptop. Battery life is an important design characteristic for laptop computers since users desire a maximum amount of time to use the laptop while away from an environment affording access to an electrical outlet.

Shimoda, col. 1, lines 14 – 24. Shimoda adds,

> The present invention provides a new and improved power conservation scheme for use in connection with user applications. Generally, each user application is implemented with a power conservation software module that can include a user interface. The power conservation module stores default preferences or user designated preferences, via the user interface, regarding battery life, monitors power characteristics of the laptop, for example via communication with the APM, and operates the user application in accordance with the default or user preferences and the monitored power characteristics.

Shimoda, col. 2, lines 48 – 58. Shimoda concludes,

> In this manner, according to the present invention, information acquired by a utility such as APM is made available for use in setting actual operating characteristics of a user application in relation to the state of a battery being used to power a portable computer.

Shimoda, col. 6, lines 30 – 34.

4. Claims 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al., in view of Hill, Jr. and Xu et al. as applied to claims 1 or 5 above, and further in view of Nelson et al., USPN 6,311,282 B1.

Claim 3 and 7

Neither Shimizu et al., Hill, Jr., nor Xu teach a battery saving mode switch.

Nelson teaches a battery saving mode switch [Suspend/Resume button]. Nelson, col 1, lines 11 – 14; and col. 10, lines 12 – 16.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the battery saving mode switch as taught by Nelson with the color organic electroluminescent display as taught by Shimizu et al., Hill, Jr., and Xu. Nelson invites such combination by teaching,

> Portable computers are well known, as are personal "communicators" of the type exemplified by the Motorola Envoy. Such portable computing devices are invariably battery powered. Since presently available batteries have very limited storage capabilities, it is important that such portable computing devices (both computers and communicators) limit their power draw. Therefore there is known a wide range of techniques for conserving power in such battery powered devices. These power conservation methods include shutting down portions (various subsystems) of the computer when not in use, as well as putting the computer CPU (the main processor) to "sleep" when its capabilities are not being used.

Nelson, col. 1, lines 16 – 29.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Nakamura, USPN 6,552,711 B1, teaches a display device having red, green, blue, and white light sources.

Hide et al., USPN 5,966,393, and Chen et al., USPN 6,127,693, each teach white organic LEDs.

Reinhardt, USPN 5,598,565, and Smith et al., USPN 5,167,024, each teach a power management system for a portable computer with display.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leland Jorgensen whose telephone number is 703-305-2650. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven J. Saras can be reached on 703-305-9720.

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